

# RECOVER REBUILD RESTORE



In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is here to help through the long recovery ahead; filling service gaps as other early response and recovery funding is beginning to be exhausted. With a goal of keeping families strong, preventing the potential negative impacts of the disaster on children and families, and providing swift support and intervention, DCF is expanding or creating additional services for the individuals we serve.

## Displaced Homemakers

To help Sandy-impacted displaced homemakers become economically self-sufficient, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) has expanded services in eight of the State's Displaced Homemaker Programs in areas affected by the storm. By expanding its social services—such as its Displaced Homemakers Program—New Jersey can better provide women, who are struggling with the loss of their primary source of income, the help they need as they recover from the storm.

A displaced homemaker is a person, most often a woman, who has lost her primary source of income due to divorce, separation, or death or disability of a spouse and must now obtain or refresh a skillset to re-enter the workforce. Displaced Homemaker Programs provide a range of services, including life skills development, computer literacy training, job counseling and training, job placement assistance and resources, and financial management services.

For many women in New Jersey who were already struggling to find a job, Superstorm Sandy made the challenge of doing so even more difficult. These training funds will help them gain the skills and credentials they need to re-enter the workforce with qualifications and confidence to compete and succeed.

The funds will primarily assist displaced homemakers in affected counties in successfully completing an educational program that will lead to employment. They will also aid displaced homemakers by providing a means to obtain transportation assistance, clothing allowances, food vouchers, and childcare assistance.

For more information about Displaced Homemaker programs in Superstorm Sandy-impacted counties, please see page 2.



As we know from previous natural disasters, a family's ability to cope is often stretched to its limit as they try to recover. The Department of Children and Families is making every effort to ensure that Sandy-impacted families have access to adequate social services. For more information or to gain expedient access:

**1-855-INFO-DCF (1-855-463-6323)**  
(general information about DCF's programs and services)

**DCF's Children's System of Care at  
1-877-652-7624**  
(services for children and teens with emotional and  
behavioral health care challenges)

**New Jersey Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-572-SAFE (7233)**  
(individuals needing immediate assistance and access to  
domestic violence services)

**New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual  
Assault (NJCASA) Hotline  
1-800-601-7200**

[www.nj.gov/dcf](http://www.nj.gov/dcf)

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## Superstorm Sandy Expansion of Displaced Homemaker Programs

### **Atlantic**

How to Work Program  
The Women's Center  
1201 New Road  
Cornerstone Commerce Center  
Linwood, NJ 08221  
(609) 601-9925 x203

### **Bergen**

Women's Rights Information Center  
108 West Palisade Avenue  
Englewood, NJ 07631  
(201) 568-1166

### **Hudson**

Hispanic Women's Resource Center  
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark  
2201 Bergenline Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Union City, NJ  
(201) 325-4800

### **Monmouth**

Brookdale at Long Branch  
Displaced Homemakers Services  
213 Broadway  
Long Branch, NJ 07740  
(732) 739-6020

### **Bergen**

Bergen County Displaced Homemakers Center  
at the Bergen One Stop  
60 State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hackensack, NJ 07601  
(201) 343-6000

### **Essex**

National Council of Jewish Women of Essex County  
70 South Orange Avenue, Suite 120  
Livingston, NJ  
(973) 994-4994

### **Middlesex**

Jewish Family & Vocational Services of  
Middlesex County Women in Transition  
32 Ford Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Milltown, NJ 08850  
(732) 777-1940

### **Ocean**

Displaced Homemakers Program of Ocean County  
Ocean County College  
Career, Employment, and Counseling Services  
College Drive, P.O. Box 2001  
Toms River, NJ 08754  
(732) 255-0400 x2297

\*DCF plans to develop Displaced Homemaker Programs for the Superstorm Sandy-impacted counties of Cape May, Cumberland and Union counties.